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Columbus, O., April 15—Within the week an authorized statement has been given newspapers by Governor Willis telling what he plans to do for the 22,000 unfortunate wards of the state of Ohio. In view of this statement it is only fair to consider what he has already done to them.

The first effort of Governor Willis on assuming office was to attempt the "decentralization" of the board of administration for the reward of politicians. The non-partisan organization having the care of the lame, the halt, the blind and the unfortunate of society, projected and perfected by Governor Harmon and protected and extended in scope by Governor Cox, was assaulted, that personal satellites might be rewarded by Governor Willis. The effort was made, on the board direct to gain control, and in the legislature to rip asunder the organization.

In making up appropriations for the board of administration, the great project of the Madison county penitentiary farm, at the direction of Governor Willis, was robbed of all but a mere pittance, because the plan was that of a Democratic governor. Three years ago the Cox administration bought and paid for the farm. It is now in the same condition it was then, and 1,800 prisoners chafe in the idle house of the penitentiary, while the boyish, gizzard-loving governor prates of pie and poetry.

The plan to starve the institutions in which the unfortunate are kept, first favored by the administration, was overturned because such influence was exerted by the people that the appropriation committee was forced to act. Then by free use of his veto power Governor Willis in a single day robbed the wards of the state of \$503,000, by eliminating needed improvements from the legislative appropriations for his term of office. And why? "Because of the state treasury condition," he said. And that state treasury had then in the general revenue fund, which is not raised by state tax on the people, in excess of \$8,000,000, and today, with consideration for the vastly increased expenditures of Willis for political purposes, that fund has not been so decreased that any necessary state activity need be curbed.

But now Willis after eighteen months has come around to the Cox plans and he promises great things. But the budget is fixed for the rest of his term of office. His promises, costing nothing and meaning nothing, are the act of a drowning man grabbing at a straw. And in view of his record to date he cannot make successful defense to this charge of further false pretense to gain office.

Two Democratic governors reformed the conduct of state institutions. The last one had under way still greater plans. Willis to date has not only done nothing, but he has used every means in his power to restore the old political conditions which were a blot on the state's good name. His promises mean nothing, for he has never kept a pledge. He not only does not mean what he says, but he does not know what he is talking about.

One of the shuffling excuses for the failure of the fiscal policy of the present state administration is found in this paragraph sent out by the public supported press bureau in the capitol: "The Finley-Cox organization seems to think that the farmer hasn't enough brains to realize when his taxes are

higher from road and school improvements and when the raise is due to state expenses." This is part of Gov. Willis' plan to blame the admitted tax increase upon localities and local officials rather than his administration. The last special session of the general assembly called by Governor Cox was in operation only a few hours and reduced the state levy 50 per cent. And that is the last reduction in levies or expenses that the state has known. Under the preceding administration the one per cent law was enforced through the state tax commission which compelled local officials to stay within the limit. This administration, carrying out the 1914 deal with the road machinery interests and the corrupt school book combine, is letting the tax spenders run away with the treasuries all over Ohio. And the farmers fully understand it, as the state administration will later discover.

One of the stories current in the capital is that the head of one of the religious-political societies that took part in the campaign of 1914 has fallen out with the Columbus politician who got him a job paying \$250 a month as the representative of a text book publishing company. For this money he saw to it that certain persons were elected to school boards who were acceptable to the company paying it. The row is said to have been caused by a division of the swag, and the swinging of the society to a certain Republican candidate for senator.

Query: Did Willis vote for Taft or Roosevelt?

COURT NEWS

Court of Appeals—

Finis was written to the present session of the court of appeals in this city Friday afternoon, Judge Powell returning to his home in Mt. Gilead, Judge Shields to his home in Canton, and Judge Houck remaining here. The court will convene next week in Canton.

Appeal Made—

William M. Koons has appealed to common pleas court the decision of the probate court in the exceptions to the account of Lemard Stricker, executor.

Deeds Filed—

William F. Beam to Barnett B. Workman, 30 acres in Pike, \$1,800.

Charles P. Ruch to Arra C. Hancock, part lot 35 Brown's addition to Mt. Vernon, \$1.

Harry W. Ransom to Samuel J. Smale, Jr., lot 34, part lot 33, O. Ransom's addition to Mt. Vernon, \$1.

Samuel J. Smale to Carl C. Zolman, lot 25, Wardon addition to Mt. Vernon, \$1,650.

Mary McDonald to Lisle M. Gallie, 29 3/4 acres in Middlebury, \$1,500.

PENSION BILLS

PASSED BY HOUSE AT INSTANCE
OF CONGRESSMAN ASHBROOK

Washington, April 15—The house yesterday afternoon passed five special pension bills for Congressman Ashbrook, as follows:

John Dill, Delaware, Civil war, \$50 per month.

Claudius C. Early, Shelby, Civil war, \$30 per month.

George Van Sickle, Coshocton, Civil war, \$30 per month.

John W. Stroup, Newark, Spanish war, \$12 per month.

Mary Green, Johnstown, Mexican war widow, \$20 per month.

MASONIC

RECORD OF DR. ACKERMAN
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This week's issue of the Central Ohio Mason carries an excellent likeness of Dr. Ernest V. Ackerman of Fredericktown, past master and present secretary of Thrall lodge, F. & A. M., of Fredericktown, member of all Masonic bodies in Mt. Vernon, past eminent commander of Clinton commandery and a member of Aladdin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Columbus.

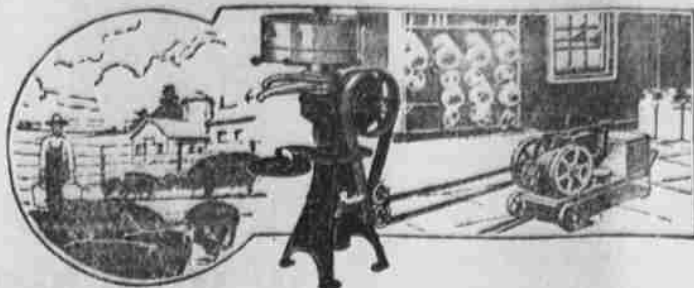
Daniel Dublin of Mt. Vernon is spending the week-end in Newark with his parents.

Mrs. S. A. Nowles of Holmesville is spending a few days in Mt. Vernon with her mother, Mrs. Allie McBroom, of North Gay street.

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The Mt. Vernon high school basketball team was delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Ewalt of East High street Friday night with a six o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for ten.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Swigart of Ohio avenue spent Saturday in Columbus with friends.

Mrs. R. E. Pignan of Green Valley is spending the week-end in Newark, the guest of friends.

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For your inspection, we have assembled many of the New Period Designs in choice woods and finishes, keeping in mind, that if it is not correct in design and moderate in price, we will not allow it in our stock.

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